16. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has not been the practice till quite recently to have invoices of drugs supplied to each institution in the State forwarded to such institutions? If the answer is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state when and why this practice was stopped?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Even now it is the practice.

17. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if it does not consider that knowledge of the cost of drugs supplied and of particular drugs on the part of the officers in charge of the different institutions will make them more economical and more careful in the use of drugs?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No answer is necessary in the light of the answer to question 16.

The market contractor, Irinjalakkuda.

18. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if it is aware that the market contractor of the Irinjalakkuda market is harassing the people by collecting illegal amounts for the things taken to the market?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There have been complaints.

19. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state if the Sanitary Inspector has made any representation about this matter to the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes.

20. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—If the answer to the question above is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state the action taken by the Head of the Department or the Government in the matter?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Sanitary Inspector assisted by a vaccinator is watching the gates of the market on market days. The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer has further addressed the Commissioner of Police to depute an additional constable on market days to assist the Sanitary Inspector. To make the rates known to the public, notice boards have been put up at all the gates.

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